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**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
- EXPEDITED PROCEDURE -**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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Tetsuya OKANO et al.

Group Art Unit: 2153

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Serial No: 09/455,932

Examiner: Mareisha N. Winters Technology Center 2100

Filed: December 7, 1999

Confirmation No.: 5754

For: RELAYING APPARATUS FOR USE IN A NETWORK SYSTEM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed January 24, 2003, having a shortened period for response set to expire on April 24, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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BT Please AMEND claims 1-6 as follows and ADD new claims 7 and 8.

1. (ONCE AMENDED) A relaying apparatus for use in a network system, the network system including a plurality of client terminals and server terminals providing services to those client terminals via a network, the relaying apparatus comprising:
a plurality of route load measuring units each provided in the vicinity of each of said

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REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL	Attorney Docket No.	1341.1035	
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	8	- 20 =	0	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5	- 3 =	2	X \$ 84.00 =	168.00

Since an Official Action set an original due date of , petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$410); 3 months (\$930); 4 months (\$1,450); 5 months (\$1,970)):

If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$320)

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\$ 168.00

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